

VIRGINIA: The Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors scheduled to be held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the twenty-seventh day of May 2003 was postponed and rescheduled for June 10, 2003 due to the fact that was no quorum of the members present.

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Frank Chandler, Chairman

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the tenth day of June 2003, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler, Wade Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey

ABSENT: Danny L. Kinder

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Secretary; James E. Cornwell – County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps and Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens  
Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messenger

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

Supervisor Robert Munsey offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

Supervisor Wade Blankenship led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

#### COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR RECOGNIZED

Jonathan Sweet was introduced as the new County Administrator for Bland County.

#### BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the June 10, 2003 agenda with additions was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2003, continued meeting of April 28, 2003 and continued meeting of May 13, 2003; 2) additional bills for the month of April 2003 in the amount of \$2,298.03; and bills for the month of May 2003 in the amount of \$233,167.98; 3) payroll for April 30, 2003 and May 16, 2003 at a total amount of \$110,991.33 and 4) reports of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official, Public Works and E-911 Coordinator.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Frank Phipps updated the Board in regard to the ongoing projects throughout the county to include; 1) the easements needed for the Ridgeway Subdivision; 2) the culvert installed with connector box on Rt. 52 Bastian; 3) plant mix put on to help alleviate the problems at the Rt. 169 bridge; 4) Rt. 608 awarded to Hunter Paving; 5) Rt. 52 bridge in Bland approximately one half finished; 6) Rt. 609 prefab bridge installed; 7) stone surface on Rt. 609 to be done with state forces; and 8) guardrail being installed upon Rt. 621. Mr. Phipps advised he would be sending

the proper forms to the county to obtain the two easements needed for the Ridgeway Subdivision road improvement project.

#### MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Executive Director Thomas Taylor appeared before the Board with the request that the County support and adopt a resolution which would allow the Mount Rogers Regional Competitiveness Partnership to seek re-qualification as a regional economic partnership under the state Regional Competitiveness Act. \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution requesting that funding be put back for regional economic partnership at no cost to Bland County was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

#### THOMPSON & LITTON

Branch Manager Jack Murphy briefed the Board in the progress of the courthouse construction/renovation project advising that twelve weather days would be added to the projects' completion date moving the date to January 25, 2003.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

Director Linda Johnson advised the Board that the cost allocation had come down in the amount of \$27,415.21. \*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Social Services March 2003 report in the amount of \$38,491.85 with the local share of \$6,000.00 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

#### SCHOOLS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the school's June 2003 requisition in the amount of \$1,954,657.00 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve \$70,105 additional monies to the Schools 2002-2003 budget as the result of an increase in the ADM was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*MOVE to allow the School Board to execute employee contracts for the school year 2003-2004 was ratified upon the motion of Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

#### SMYTH- BLAND REGIONIAL LIBRARY

Library Representative Harry Shupe reported the latest library statistics and planned activities of the library.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION TO accept the bid received from Hunter Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$14,440 to pave the 8' walking trail and make a volleyball court at the Ceres Park and proceed with progress at the other parks was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting. The \$14,440 would be paid out of the current budget and any remainder to be deducted from the second account (recreational savings). The request from Randy Moler that the County set up an escrow account for individual reimbursements was denied. Mr. Moler was advised that any expenses occurred would need to be brought to the Office of the County Administrator for approval.

#### APPOINTMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Debbie Barger to the Social Services Board for a four year term to expire June 30, 2007 was made by Frank Chandler, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

BLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY USAGE APPLICATION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION approving the Bland United Methodist Church Property Usage Application for a picnic lunch and horseshoe tournament upon the property known as the Lions Park for June 7<sup>th</sup>,

2003 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REQUEST TO CLEAN STATUTES & PLAQUES

No action was taken on the request of the Bland United Methodist Church to clean statutes and plaques.

2003-2004 TRASH CONTRACT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Agreement extending an additional term of one year to commence July 1, 2003 and expire on June 30, 2004 with an option to extend for an additional one year period after June 30, 2004 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

SURPLUS ITEMS DECLARED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the list of equipment surplused as presented and requested by the Finance Manager was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

SURPLUS CAR DONATED TO RESCUE SQUAD

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to donate the vehicle surplused by the sheriff to the Bland County Rescue Squad was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER PROJECT DESIGN APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to allow the Director of Public Works to make application for a CDBG grant. This grant if awarded would be used to design a water project to be located in Bland with no commitment to do the project within the next 2 years was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

BANK SIGNATURE RESOLUTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Bank Signature Resolution to include Jonathan Sweet as an authorized agent for check signature in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

MOUNTAIN SHELTER REQUEST SUPPORT OF GRANT

Executive Director Andy Kegley of Mountain Shelter, Inc. appeared before the Board with the request that the Board approve the pilot project application proposed by Mt. Shelter to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development which would serve families at risk of becoming homeless in the counties of Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth and the city of Galax at no cost to the Bland County was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

MRPDS ADMINISTRATOR OF INDOOR-PLUMBING PROGRAM

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to allow the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission to continue to administrator the Indoor-Plumbing Program for Bland County was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

### CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel, contractual and a legal matter was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

“Move to return to Regular Session and adopt the certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

### CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative-recorded vote and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 1 and 7 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bland County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

### TEA-21 GRANT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Frank Chandler opened the public hearing announcing the hearing was being conducted to solicit public input on the TEA- 21 grant application what would fund improvements to the Ceres Community Park and Route 42.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

James (Bobby Myers) resident expressed concern of a local match requirement to the grant and the desire that the Hollybrook Park receive their share of funds from the recreational monies budgeted to complete the walking trails and such.

Elmer Chewning resident expressed the desire that the development of the Mechanisburg Park be included in the TEA-21 application and receive their share of county monies budgeted.

### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

### TEA-21 GRANT APPLICATION TO PROCEED

\*\*\*\*\*MOVE to apply for the TEA-21 Grant for the Ceres Park and Route 42 with the understanding that no new monies or no additional county monies be spent at Ceres was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

### 2003-2004 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Frank Chandler opened the public hearing announcing the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2003-2004.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

DEHART FIREWORKS PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Fireworks Permit Application of Kermit DeHart was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

CONTINUANCE OF MEETING

This meeting was adjourned until 4::00 a.m. on June 24, 2003 at the Bland County Schoolboard Office, Bastian, VA.

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Frank Chandler, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator